

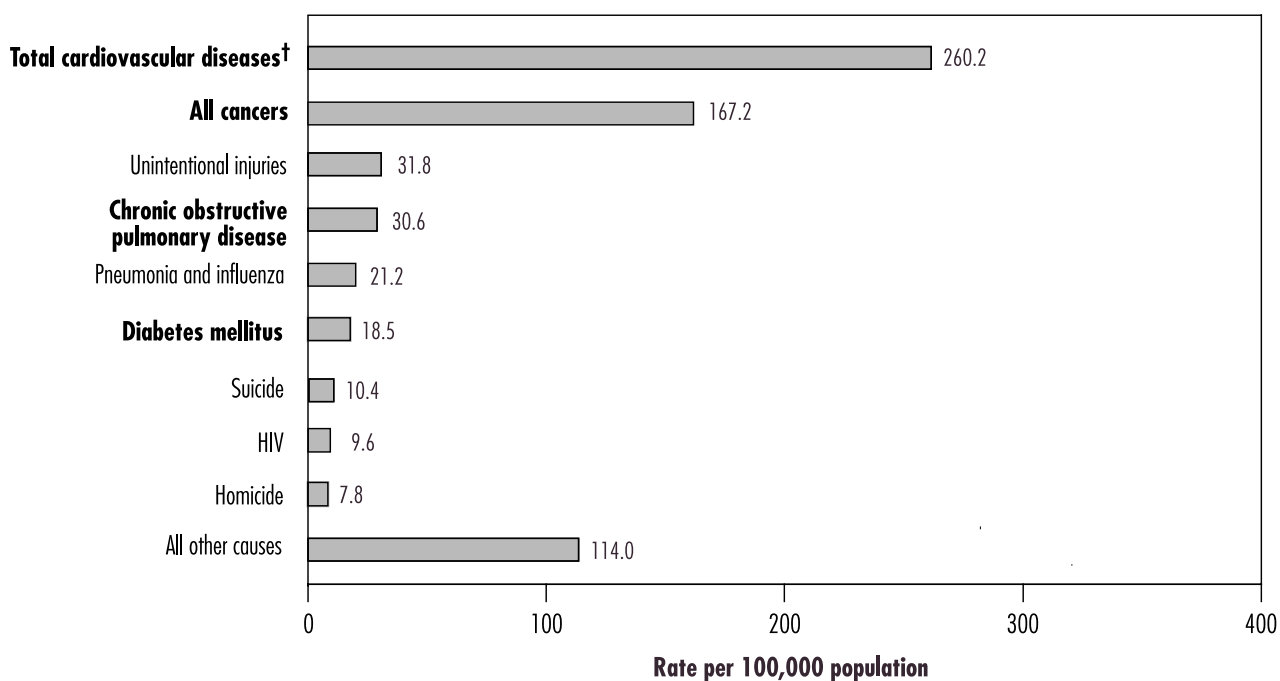
Section I

The Burden of Chronic Diseases as Causes of Death

United States: Burden of Chronic Diseases

- Total cardiovascular diseases, principally ischemic heart disease and stroke, are the most common cause of death in the United States.
- All cancers are the second most common cause of death. One of every four deaths in the United States is from cancer.
- Cardiovascular disease and cancer together account for almost two-thirds of all deaths in the United States.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (i.e., bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, and chronic airway obstruction) is the fourth most common cause of death, and diabetes is the sixth.

Most Common Causes of Death, United States, 1996*



*All data are age adjusted to 1970 total U.S. population.

†The total cardiovascular disease death rate includes the rate of death due to ischemic heart disease (131.0 per 100,000) and the rate of death due to stroke (42.0 per 100,000).

Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases as a Percentage of All Deaths, United States, 1996

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Percent
Four Chronic Diseases	1,661,734	71.8
Total cardiovascular diseases	954,407	41.2
All cancers	539,533	23.3
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	106,027	4.6
Diabetes	61,767	2.7
Other	652,956	28.2
TOTAL	2,314,690	100.0

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Total Deaths and Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases,* by State, 1996

State	Total Number of Deaths	Number of Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases*	Of All Deaths, Percentage Due to Four Chronic Diseases*
Alabama	42,827	29,724	69.4
Alaska	2,582	1,533	59.4
Arizona	36,592	24,897	68.0
Arkansas	26,534	18,916	71.3
California	233,447	158,784	71.1
Colorado	25,723	17,053	66.3
Connecticut	29,560	21,696	73.4
Delaware	6,503	4,664	71.7
District of Columbia	6,624	3,883	58.6
Florida	153,443	113,057	73.7
Georgia	58,754	39,736	67.6
Hawaii	7,948	5,569	70.1
Idaho	8,714	6,031	69.2
Illinois	106,092	76,309	71.9
Indiana	52,969	38,847	73.3
Iowa	27,840	20,831	74.8
Kansas	23,902	17,005	71.1
Kentucky	37,272	27,303	73.3
Louisiana	39,586	27,710	70.0
Maine	11,741	8,516	72.5
Maryland	41,955	28,919	68.9
Massachusetts	55,331	39,405	71.2
Michigan	83,622	61,783	73.9
Minnesota	37,184	25,866	69.6
Mississippi	26,682	19,119	71.7
Missouri	53,910	39,074	72.5
Montana	7,707	5,407	70.2
Nebraska	15,484	11,091	71.6
Nevada	13,185	9,301	70.5
New Hampshire	9,395	7,078	75.3
New Jersey	73,205	53,457	73.0
New Mexico	12,481	8,139	65.2
New York	164,395	122,400	74.5
North Carolina	66,293	46,914	70.8
North Dakota	6,011	4,419	73.5
Ohio	105,202	77,977	74.1
Oklahoma	33,119	24,122	72.8
Oregon	28,913	20,179	69.8
Pennsylvania	129,280	95,050	73.5
Rhode Island	9,546	7,280	76.3
South Carolina	34,053	23,863	70.1
South Dakota	6,797	4,896	72.0
Tennessee	51,419	36,783	71.5
Texas	139,962	98,779	70.6
Utah	11,112	7,000	63.0
Vermont	4,870	3,535	72.6
Virginia	53,505	37,522	70.1
Washington	42,256	29,793	70.5
West Virginia	20,420	15,244	74.7
Wisconsin	45,141	32,770	72.6
Wyoming	3,602	2,515	69.8
United States	2,314,690	1,661,734	71.8

*Total cardiovascular diseases, all cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes.